imited Departmental Selection in the Mechanical Engineering Department of Northern Railway

2120. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be leased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Limited)epartmental Selection was held in the Iechanical Engineering Department of Iorthern Railway in 1985-86 to fill up ome vacancies in Group 'B'

(b) if so, whether the eligibility conitions for candidates originally prescribed ere changed lated and if so, the reasons ierefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that the list f eligible candidates identified after pro-acted examination of about nine months hanged again by deleting and adding cerin names and if so, the reasons therefor; nd

(d) whether it is a fact that some of ie eligible candidates from workshop nd Divisions could not be spared to take he written examination and, if so, what are ie facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE)EPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Selection against 75 per cent vaancies and Limited Departmental Cometitive Examination against the remaining 25 per cent vacancies constitute the two egments of the process of filling vacanies in Group 'B' posts in the Mechanical Engineering Department. For the LDCE roposed, the date for determining the ligibility of employees was initially fixed n 15-1-85. Later, the date was revised to 1-2.84 in order to accord with the date hat was fixed for determining the eligiility employees for the corresponding election agianst 75 per cent vacancies.

(c) With reference to the revised date of eligibility, namely 1-2-84, the number of employees called for the LDCE included 17 employees who were not eligible. Also some employees who were working outside the Northern Railway and some others who had applied but were not inadvertently called, were required to be called . Therefore, the list of employees notified as eligible had to be revised in November, 85.

(d) A representation has been received from some employees of not having received the notice of the Limited Department Competitive Examination. Depending on the results of the consideration of the representation, it is proposed to take action.

Conversion of Veraval-Rajkot lines

2121. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering the conversion of Veraval-Rajkot meter gauge railway into Broad gauge railway; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) whether recently a delegation met him and submitted a memorandum to this effect, if so, what are the details of the memorandum and action contemplated by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) A delegation had recently met and submitted a Memorandum requesting conversion of Rajkot-Veraval MG section into BG. Approval of a survey for the suggested conversion is under consideration.

Violation of Foreign Exchange Regulations Act by travel agency

2122. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Managing Director of the Jet Air, a travel agency of Bombay, was arrested for violation of Foreign Exchange Regulations Act;

(b) whether it is also a fact that one of the legal advisers of Air India/Indian Airlines is also a director of the Jet Air; and